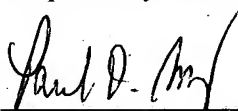


REMARKS

Claims 9-14 are pending in the application. Claims 9-14 have been amended to conform to U.S. practice. Thus, "characterized by" and "characterized in that" have been removed from the claims. Claim 9 has also been amended to clarify that the at least part of the input image data is put into a chroma space format.

An early examination is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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